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07/02/17 Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes talk to state Sen. Dan McConchie about the grand bargain and more on this week's Illinois Rising. (28:00)

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, talk to state Sen. Dan McConchie, R-Hawthorne Woods, about his legislation to move lawmaker pay to the back of the line of state spending priorities. McConchie also gives his thoughts on the Senate's "grand bargain," and Proft and Hughes analyze political journalism in the state and how the 2018 gubernatorial race is developing.

07/09/17 Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes talk to State Rep. Allen Skillicorn about the passing of the tax increase and a budget, plus more on this week's Illinois Rising. (28:00)

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, break down the 32 percent income tax increase the Illinois General Assembly passed and what it means for taxpayers and businesses. State Rep. Allen Skillicorn, R-East Dundee, and Illinois Manufacturers' Association President and CEO Greg Baise join the conversation to discuss the impact.

07/16/17 Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes talk about education funding and more. (28:00)

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, talk about an education funding formula that would force downstate taxpayers to bail out Chicago Public Schools. They also talk about a new study showing Illinois near the bottom nationally in fiscal health, and they discuss shakeups in Gov. Bruce Rauner's office.

07/23/17 Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes talk about school funding, changes in the governor's staff, and more. (28:00)

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, talk about Illinois' Democrats push to have downstate taxpayers bailout Chicago Public Schools. They also discuss some of the governor's recent staff changes on the political side, and they shed light on how one suburban Chicago local government is working to save taxpayer money.

07/30/17 Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes discuss the Chicago Public Schools' bailout, and more. (28:00)

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, discuss the Chicago Public Schools' bailout Mike Madigan and John Cullerton are pushing on statewide taxpayers. They also talk to a Republican legislative candidate who is taking on a powerful Democrat in a Chicago legislative district, and they discuss Gov. Bruce Rauner's recent criticism of Madigan's law firm.

08/06/17 Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes discuss Gov. Bruce Rauner's amendatory veto of legislative Democrats' education funding bill with state Rep. Jeanne Ives (28:00)

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08/13/17 Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes talk about "evidence-based" funding for education, and more. (28:00)

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, talk about "evidence-based" funding for education – the model being pushed in the Democrats' education funding bill – with Stanford Professor Eric Hanushek, a leading expert on the subject. Hanushek explains how the model has failed students and taxpayers everywhere it has been implemented. Proft and Hughes also discuss new data on where voters stand nationally on economic and social issues.

08/20/17 Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes discuss the ongoing debate in Springfield over education funding with state Rep. Keith Wheeler, and more. (28:00)

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, discuss the ongoing debate in Springfield over education funding with state Rep. Keith Wheeler, R-Oswego, and they break down new Illinois State Board of Education numbers showing how much better school districts fare under Gov. Bruce Rauner's plan versus legislative Democrats' plan.

08/27/17 Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes talk to state Rep. Peter Breen about the ongoing education funding negotiations, and more. (28:00)

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, talk to state Rep. Peter Breen, the new Republican House floor leader, about the ongoing education funding negotiations, which may be inching closer to a deal. They also discuss how the political class' outrage over a political cartoon is distracting from important issues concerning inequality. And they discuss the fallout from Gov. Bruce Rauner's likely signing of a new immigration bill.

09/03/17 Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes talk about both the good and the bad in the education funding plan agreed to in Springfield, including the new tax credit scholarship program for low income students. (28:00)

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09/10/17 Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes talk to a Tax Foundation expert about the regressive Cook County soda tax, and more. (28:00)

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09/24/17 Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes talk to Illinois Opportunity Project co-founder and the gas tax hike in Illinois, and more. (28:00)

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, discuss with state Rep. Jeanne Ives, R-Wheaton, the possibility of a gas tax hike in Illinois. They also analyze a new report showing Illinois in the second worst overall financial situation of any state in the country. And they break down the developing race for Attorney General following Lisa Madigan's announced departure from the post.